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Promotion and protection of human rights

Report of the Third Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled:

"Promotion and protection of human rights:

"(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

"(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

"(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. An account of the Third Committee's consideration of the item is given in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in five parts, under the symbols A/71/484, A/71/484/Add.1, A/71/484/Add.2, A/71/484/Add.3 and A/71/484/Add.4.

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Report of the Secretary-General on the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (A/71/278)

Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion and protection of human rights, including ways and means to promote the human rights of migrants (A/71/284)

Report of the Secretary-General on missing persons (A/71/299)

Report of the Secretary-General on the moratorium on the use of the death penalty (A/71/332)

Report of the Secretary-General towards the full realization of an inclusive and accessible United Nations for persons with disabilities (A/71/344 and A/71/344/Corr.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief (A/71/369)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice (A/71/405)

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues (A/71/254)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism (A/71/255)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (A/71/269)

Note by the Secretary-General on the role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights (A/71/273)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (A/71/279)

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (A/71/281)

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth report of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (A/71/286)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights (A/71/287)

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation (A/71/302)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (A/71/303)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/71/304)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights (A/71/305)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context (A/71/310)

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights (A/71/317)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (A/71/348)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education (A/71/358)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (A/71/367)

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (A/71/372)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (A/71/373)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/71/384)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association (A/71/385)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (A/71/567)

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Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/71/439)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/71/402)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/71/361)

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Letter dated 14 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/379-S/2016/788)

Letter dated 3 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/540-S/2016/839)

Letter dated 19 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/71/5)

Letter dated 21 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/71/8)

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Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/71/36)

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chai

4. At its 56th meeting, on 22 November, on the proposal of the Chair, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents considered in connection with the promotion and protection of human rights (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

5. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents submitted under the item entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights":

Under sub-item (a):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;[2]

(c) Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;[3]

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies;[4]

Under sub-item (b):

(a) Report of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances;[5]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;[6]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion and protection of human rights, including ways and means to promote the human rights of migrants;[7]

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on missing persons;[8]

(e) Report of the Secretary-General towards the full realization of an inclusive and accessible United Nations for persons with disabilities;[9]

(f) Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General on the right to development;[10]

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[7] A/71/284.
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[10] A/71/319.

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues;[11]

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism;[12]

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons;[13]

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity;[14]

(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders;[15]

(l) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants;[16]

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises;[17]

(n) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation;[18]

(o) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;[19]

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(r) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities;[22]

(s) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights;[23]

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(t) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;[24]

(u) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education;[25]

(v) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism;[26]

(w) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association;[27]

(x) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence;[28]

Under sub-item (c):

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(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar;[30]

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(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;[32]

Under sub-item (d):

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.[33]

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[23] A/71/317.
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